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DEVICE

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-

1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/001985, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) SUZUKI et al., "Active Denshi Keijiban o Mochiita Joho Teiji," Information Processing Society of Japan Kenkyu Hokoku, January 18, 2001, Vol. 2001, No. 3, pages 79-86;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-150507 A;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-15766 A,;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-23284 A;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-296415 A; and
- (6) ROBERTSON et al., "Dual Device User Interface Design: PDAs and Interactive Television," Proceedings of the Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems CHI'96, April 13, 1996, pages 79-86.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the International claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (7) Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "Summary Report: Research Workshop on Future Prospect of Ubiquitous Network Technology", online: http://www.soumu.go.jp/joho_tsusin/policyreports/chousa/yubikitasu/020611_2.html#TOP, June 27, 2002, together with an English language translation of a relevant portion thereof. Applicants note

that this document is cited beginning at page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and

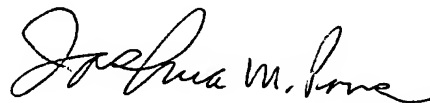
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-117118 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning at page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application

Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is assumed to have received the International Search Report and the documents cited therein from the International Bureau, and the Examiner is assumed to have considered these documents in accordance with M.P.E.P. 609.03 and 1893.03(g), copies of these documents, i.e., above-noted documents (1) – (6), are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (7) and (8), including the noted English language Abstract and translation, are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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